

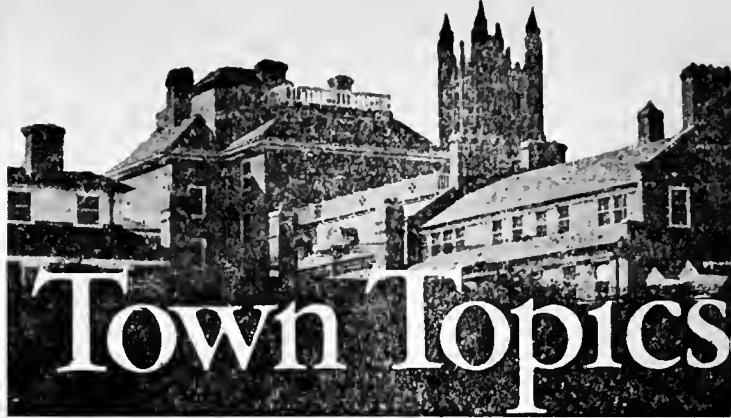
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Samuel Shellabarger, 59-year old Princetonian, whose second great historical novel, "Prince of Foxes" (Literary Guild Selection for August), is bringing him well merited recognition as one of the most versatile personalities to appear on the American literary scene in the past two decades. A former member of the Princeton University Faculty and retired headmaster of a leading girl's school in the Middle West, Shellabarger, before hitting sales jackpots with his latest effort and with the phenomenally successful "Captain from Castile," demonstrated his literary craftsmanship in the dimly related fields of biography, cloak-and-dagger thrillers and magazine-selling romances.

Born in Washington, D.C., of an Ohio family associated with the Buckeye State from pioneer days, Shellabarger has devoted his life to polishing the tools and accumulating the experience that make best sellers possible. He was graduated from Princeton in 1909 with Phi Beta Kappa honors, did graduate work abroad, took his Ph.D. at Harvard and interrupted his Princeton teaching career to serve with the Army during World War I. Four post-war years here at the University, highlighted by his course in creative writing, were followed by nearly nine years of research in Europe.

In 1938 he helped perpetuate Princeton's influence in the hinterlands by succeeding Mrs. Charles F. W. McClure, of Battle Road, as head of the Columbus (Ohio) School for Girls. Shellabarger had previously won acclaim for his biographies of Lord Chesterfield and Chevalier Bayard and had built up a book-buying following for his light fiction, which appeared under his pen-names, John Esteven and Peter Loring.

Although Shellabarger "seldom reads fiction," he has found that hundreds of thousands read his. "The Captain," slated for its Hollywood prevue next month, has now sold some 1,400,000 copies in this country and has been translated into 11 foreign languages, while 775,000 copies of "The Prince" have already rolled off the presses. Working with the precision of a master mechanic, Shellabarger, an inveterate golfer who can swear in five languages, writes seven-to-eight hours a day and considers it a day well spent when he has knocked out 1,000 finished words.

For producing the kind of "conscientious fiction" that led one reviewer to say of Shellabarger's work, "The novelist is more conservative than the historian;" for frankly writing to entertain readers, rather than attempting to overwhelm them with dazzling erudition; for injecting so much pleasure into the lives of so many; he is TOWN TOPICS' candidate for

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Topics of the Town

The Escalator Keeps Running. When no specific happenings are worthy of conversation, attention can invariably be focused on (1) the high humidity and (2) the high cost of living. This week, as a wet, muggy July gave way to what Jersey-bound residents hoped would be a more pleasant August, the mounting expense of their daily routines was far more cause for irritation than anything the weatherman could do to them.

Every principal item (clothing, rent, food, household appliances, telephone rates, automobiles, entertainment, train fares) was higher than a year ago. But the sharpest spiral with no apparent end, the one that affected every household every day, was being followed by food costs. In a residential community such as Princeton, where the white-collar and professional worker with the relatively stable salary predominates, the facts threw an unmistakable shadow over the approaching third year of the bright post-war era:

June food costs were up a sharp four percent over May levels, paced by meats, which rose nearly ten percent. The trend has been unbroken since it began just eight years ago this month, the year that saw Hitler launch war in Europe.

As a result of eight years of rising prices, it now takes a dollar to buy food that 49 cents bought when the spiral began. Virtually every family's income is well over its 1939 figure, yet by the time the greatly increased taxes are deducted, very few incomes are double what they were eight years ago. Food prices, however, are all of that.

But while the cost to the consumer mounted steadily, a lamentable paradox developed in this Summer of 1947. With prices at a peak, farmers in many sec-

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The only similarity between the girls' shop and boys' will be the continuation of a policy which has always been a boon to mothers who dread shopping tours with their would-be-independent offspring. In other words, the boys can go in unescorted, as do the girls, do their own picking and choosing under the understanding and cooperative but supervisory eye of the manager; and the parents can rest assured that they won't go wrong.

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Among the articles available are shirts, socks, Carter underwear, leather jackets, sheepskin coats, covert overcoats, lined topcoats of varying lengths, suits, sweaters, sports jackets and separate pants. Which list would seem to cover the subject rather thoroughly, not to speak of any young gentleman!

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tions of the State gloomily predicted their lowest net income since the late thirties. While some domestic food shortages existed in city markets and hundreds of thousands of Europeans suffered the tortures of malnutrition, acres and acres of vegetables were being plowed under on Jersey farms. The tragic but realistic economic factor: harvesting and marketing costs are so high, prices from wholesaler to farmer so low, that large losses seem a certainty if the crops are sold under existing conditions.

Accepting higher wages for labor and increased costs for machinery and materials, farmers are inclined to place the blame on "gouging" by wholesalers and commission merchants. In Central and Southern New Jersey, agriculture officials have on record the plowing under of thousands of acres of beets, cucumbers, lettuce, asparagus and cabbage. Here & there, demonstrations have been staged at auctions against prevailing prices.

Where the blame lay, how soon the upward spiral would be shattered, what technical laws of economy might be invoked to rectify matters, the average consumer was not prepared to guess. He knew full well he could not invoke a buyers' strike any more than he could launch a hunger strike and keep on working. And he fervently hoped that it wouldn't take a full-scale depression to bring prices back somewhere near normalcy.

Wrong Backer. In a violently-worded article entitled "The Princeton Murder Case," The Daily Worker, Communist-sponsored newspaper, rehashed the fatal

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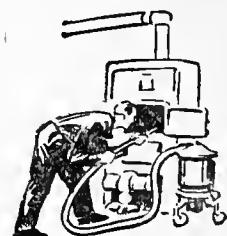
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Saturday, August 2d

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Sunday, August 3d

7:00, 8:30, 10:00, 11:00 a.m.: Mass, St. Paul's Roman Catholic Church.

11:00 a.m.: Sermon, the Rev. Lynn H. Corson; soloist, Thelma Clem Young; Princeton Methodist Church.

Sermon, the Rev. Victor B. Stanley, Jr., Trinity Church.

"Love," Lesson-Sermon; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

"Power to Change Human Nature," the Rev. Dr. William L. Tucker; Union Service for First and Second Presbyterian Churches; Second Church.

Lutheran Service of Worship; Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Friends Service of Worship; Murray-Dodge Hall; University Campus.

12:00 noon: Monthly community-wide collection of scrap paper, sponsored by Princeton Post No. 76, American Legion.

8:15 p.m.: Evening Service; First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Monday, August 4th

8:30 p.m.: Free, Open-Air Movies, part of Princeton Playgrounds Program; Princeton High School.

Thursday, August 7th

6:15 p.m.: Twin-M League Baseball: Princeton vs. Monmouth Junction; Brokaw Field, University Campus.

9:00 p.m.: Block Dance, part of Princeton Playgrounds Program; Princeton High School.

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News of the Theatres

The Playhouse

Ivy (Fri., Sat.) records the murders of an ambitious girl (Joan Fontaine) who really doesn't like to poison either her husband or her lover but finds she must in order to get ahead. Well acted, but too slowly told.

The Hucksters (Sun. thru Wed.) gives Clark Gable the brassy role of the cocksure radio advertising executive who learns the hard way that there is more to life than hokum. The screen version of the book which jibes at the commercial carryings-on of the broadcasters is less notable than the original because it pulls most of its punches—no doubt recalling the adage about people who live in glass houses.

They Won't Believe Me (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) tells what happens to Robert Young in a court room when he seeks to relieve an unhappy marriage by romancing with two pretty girls who meet mysterious deaths. Rita Johnson and Susan Hayward are with him in an ordinary trial for murder.

Garden Theatre

Riff-Raff (Fri., Sat.) should please the matinee trade with its tale of a search for a stolen map leading to rich South American oil fields. With Pat O'Brien and Anne Jeffreys.

The Private Affairs of Bel Ami (Mon., Tues., Wed.) is the biography of a handsome scoundrel who duped the men, loved the women and left them all wailing. George Sanders is good in the role but the original Maupassant novel has been so toned down to meet the film code that it is somewhat spiritless.

The Vigilantes Return (Thurs., Fri., Sat.) sends Jon Hall and Margaret Lindsay through their paces in a western-type drama that is everything the title promises.

The McCarter

"State of the Union," a good play about the trouble an idealistic presidential candidate encounters when he runs smack into practical politics, is there this weekend. The seemingly age-old newspaper drama, "The Front Page," moves in Monday. It's proved its popularity at the box office but not with journalists—who never saw a city room anything like that it portrays.

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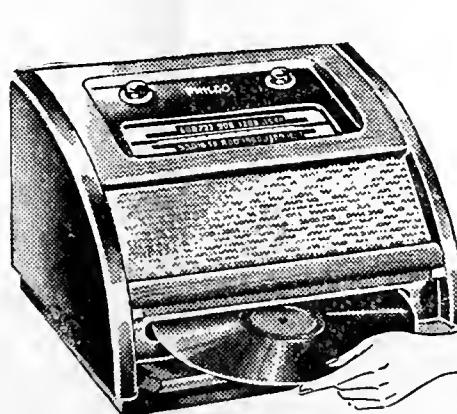
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shooting on June 9 of young Harvey Hoagland near Lake Carnegie. Its basic theme was that police and press have grossly mishandled the case, that "the 'honeysuckle and tar' atmosphere of the South is in the murder of ex-GI Harvey Hoagland in the Jersey university town."

Few tricks to incite unrest and dissatisfaction were left unused. A lurid sketch illustrated the murder; the Rev. Milton Galaminson, pastor of the Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, was pictured "pointing out bloodstains" at the scene to the Worker's reporter; the police were described as "frightened" and "unwilling to arrest any of the white men."

In the same article, The Worker charged that a "year and a half back, when a dying woman identified her assailant as 'tall and dark,' the police rounded up every Negro with a driver's license in Mercer County." In the same issue, The Worker urged that we "cease intervention in Greece," assured its readers that the Marshall plan "means war," carried an advertisement for a pamphlet described as "the true, uncensored story of the Vatican intrigue in the Balkans which led to two world wars."

Use of the case as a means of furthering racial differences is of value neither to the man who died nor to those who survive him. Avowedly seeking "justice and fair play," The Worker at the same time aligns itself with the party and the nation which is today blocking world peace by creating unrest and distrust at every turn.

Miscellany. Township voters will consider next November whether they wish to rescind the law permitting Sunday liquor sales in their municipality . . . a group of French Catholics has purchased the Thomas S. Dignan house and some 25 acres on Cedar Grove Road, will make it an institutional home for members of their faith.

Princeton's cosmic ray research took to the skies again this week, with eight large helium-filled balloons bearing telemetering equipment 20 miles aloft . . . the device could be traced veering back and forth above New Jersey brought a \$25 reward to a somewhat surprised resident of Hawthorne, Pa. (near Bristol) when he found it at a country crossroads about 9 o'clock Tuesday night.

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